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The Examiner has issued a "Notice of Allowability" dated 14 January 2000.

The following remarks are presented for purposes of clarification with regard to the "Reasons for Allowance" as set for in the Notice of Allowability, noting that there is more than one Keystone brochure of record.

These remarks are being submitted with the consent of and at the request of Examiner Taylor pursuant to a telephone call with Applicants' attorney, Mr. Schmidt, on 20 January 2000.

The Keystone brochure referred to in the "Reasons for Allowance" is not the brochure which bears the copyright office date stamp of "June 27, 1988" which is referred to in the earlier Office Action, but is the undated brochure which was attached to the "Statutory Declaration of Al Pfannestien dated August 28, 1998" filed in connection with the Australian litigation between

Keystone and Anchor Wall Systems. The brochures describe different products and there is no clear evidence of any date of "publication" of this latter, undated brochure.

The issue of the undated brochure and various related allegations of its purported author (Keystone) have previously been discussed with the Examiner in the prosecution of the parent case (see, for example, the Information Disclosure Statement dated November 12, 1997 filed in connection with Serial Number 08/921,481 filed September 2, 1997) and in the Deposition transcripts of record. Applicants' attorney confirms that this undated brochure has never been proven to be "prior art" that would require Applicants to swear behind it.

The related litigation in the US and in Australia involving Anchor Wall Systems, Inc. (the assignee of the present case) and Keystone (and their respective licensees), was settled by agreement of the parties without trial.

Any questions concerning this correspondence should be directed to the attention of the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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